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In re PATENT APPLICATION of
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

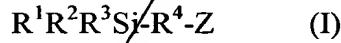
Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, and further to the preliminary amendment of March 4, 2003, please enter the following claims and consider the following remarks.

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A rubber mixture comprising solution styrene/butadiene copolymers and organosilanes of the general structure:



wherein R^1, R^2 and R^3 independently of one another are H, (C_1-C_4)alkyl, (C_1-C_4)alkoxy or halogen and the number of alkyl groups is ≥ 1 ; R^4 is a linear or branched (C_1-C_{18}) divalent hydrocarbon group; and $Z = H$, halogen, SCN, SH or $S_x-R^4-SiR^1R^2R^3$, where x is 2 to 10.